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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes. Prices in most other areas were higher on the larger sizes, but lower on the lighter weight eggs. The market tone ranged steady to fully steady. Demand into all outlets was light to very good, best where features were planned for this week. Supplies were adequate to available for the smaller sizes however, the larger sizes ranged adequate to tight. Breaking stock demand improved and ranged moderate to instances fairly good for at least adequate to ample offerings. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for normal processing schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher on the larger sizes but unchanged to 2.5 cents lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 4 cents higher on extra large and unchanged to 3 cents higher on large, when based on previous week average pricing. Prices were unchanged on the balance of sizes and in New England. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to at times good, best where features were planned for this week. Supplies were closely balanced to available. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were fully adequate to ample for the fair demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for normal processing schedules.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were up 3 cents for the larger sizes and unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good. Food service movement was moderate to very good. Supplies were adequate to tight for the larger sizes and adequate to fully adequate for the balance. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher. Demand was mostly moderate to instances fairly good as a few breakers bid higher prices for heavy nest run product. Floor stocks were clearing as retail activity pulled the earlier available loose shell eggs away from the market place. Offerings were just adequate to adequate. Schedules mostly full-time. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices on all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are a factor. Supplies on jumbos short, extra large in close balance, balance of sizes adequate to available.

**SOUTHERN** Prices in Atlanta were higher on larger sizes, however unchanged to lower on mediums. In Florida, prices were higher on extra large and large and unchanged on remaining sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm for the larger sizes and mostly steady for mediums. Demand was generally moderate, best where featured. Supplies ranged sufficient to tight for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending July 19, 2002 was 56.29 cents, which was 1.27 cents less than a week earlier, but 1.89 cents more than last year. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to ample for the fair demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for the light and unaggressive demand.

**WESTERN** Prices were 3 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 2-3 cents higher on large, and unchanged on mediums. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last Monday with California down 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah unchanged. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

**NEW YORK** Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady on mediums and fully steady to firm on heavier weights. Retail demand was moderate to occasionally good, better where promotional activities were in progress. Sup-

plies ranged adequate to tight for current needs.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	100-102	91-93	62-64
New York	65-69	63-67	42-46
Philadelphia	61-67	60-65	41-44

<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	52.5-60	50.5-54	32-35
Jackson (1)	60-62	55-57	42-44
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	63-75	59-69	39-50

<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	53-57	51-55	32-36
Detroit (2)	49-54	48-53	32-36
Major Ohio Cities (2)	51-55	50-53	30-34
Major Wisconsin Cities	52-59	51-57	32-37

<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	71-73	68-70	48-50
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	95	85	65

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 3 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 45. Ads in Northern California: major - extra large dozen 179-199, 2 for \$3, 18 pack 149, large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

**PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	109	JUMBO	249-289
EXTRA LARGE	95	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	85	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	65	MEDIUM	169-199
<b>PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.</b>			
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	249-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	169-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 26, 2002 will decrease by 10 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 19, 2002 were 275,277 cases which was 10 percent above the prior week and 6 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	233,409	41,868	275,277
% change from the prior week.....	+10	+12	+10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher. Demand was mostly moderate to instances fairly good as a few breakers bid higher prices for heavy nest run product. Floor stocks were clearing as retail activity pulled the earlier available loose shell eggs away from the market place. Offerings were just adequate to adequate. Schedules mostly full-time. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.  
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	32-34	33-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-21	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the mostly fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal for next week. Finished product supplies were irregular but generally sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-JUL-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.65
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged compared to the past week. Spent hen demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from the field. Finished sales were moderate with supplies adequate for needs. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-JUL-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8-9	9.11
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JULY 22, 2002**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.5	9.6	5.4	9.9	8.0	40.4
	Change	-0.9	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	0.9	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.3	29.5	12.2	15.7	24.8	104.5
	Change	-1.2	-7.5	0.5	-5.7	-0.2	-12%
Large	Curr Wk	49.3	103.8	56.9	60.6	82.0	352.6
	Change	7.6	-3.1	-3.8	-9.7	-2.1	-3%
Medium	Curr Wk	23.1	42.9	19.1	27.9	34.4	147.4
	Change	-6.1	-11.3	-7.9	1.9	3.7	-12%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	9.5	2.4	8.3	5.7	30.4
	Change	0.2	0.2	-1.5	1.4	0.4	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.3	22.7	10.1	14.1	7.5	58.7
	Change	-0.4	-3.9	-1.2	0.9	-0.7	-8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.7	59.8	16.7	38.4	25.5	153.1
	Change	1.8	-7.8	-4.1	-0.7	-5.1	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	123.7	277.8	122.8	174.9	187.9	887.1
Percent	Change	1%	-11%	-13%	-6%	-2%	-7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	887.1	-7%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	309.3	-7%	38
Total Shell Egg	1196.4	-7%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 08, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 08, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 19, 2002

CURRENT LOADS				23.00				FUTURE LOADS				6.75				TOTAL LOADS				29.75			
				SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	42.00	41.00		—	44.00	—	—	4.00		GL W XL	—	46.00	—	—	53.00	55.75	6.00						
GL W XL	—	—		49.67	51.33	46.63	—	8.75		GL W LG	—	45.00	—	—	—	—	4.00						
GL W LG	—	—		46.50	48.00	—	—	6.00		GL W MD	23.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GL W MD	—	—		26.00	27.50	—	26.50	2.00		NRBS - 48	—	36.00	—	—	—	—	6.00						
GL W SM	—	—		23.00	26.00	—	—	1.00															
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—	33.00	—	6.00															

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/13-19/02

CURRENT LOADS				116.00				FUTURE LOADS				96.75				TOTAL LOADS				212.75			
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST				
GNR W 1	40.25	41.00	36.50	41.79	38.00	—	45.00		GNR BR 1	46.00	—	—	56.00	—	—	4.00							
GNR W 2	35.00	—	37.00	37.50	—	—	9.00		GL W XL	44.67	46.00	—	—	51.24	53.83	24.00							
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	26.65	27.58	6.00		GL W LG	44.00	43.81	—	47.00	—	49.95	19.50							
GNR BR 1	—	46.00	—	—	—	—	5.00		GL W MD	23.60	—	—	—	—	28.67	8.25							
GL W XL	—	46.41	47.89	49.70	46.98	41.50	42.00		GL BR LG	41.00	—	—	—	—	49.00	1.00							
GL W LG	—	45.09	43.50	46.84	40.21	42.78	41.25		NRBS - 48	—	36.00	—	—	—	—	6.00							
GL W MD	25.50	26.00	22.13	23.83	26.18	26.16	26.25																
GL W SM	24.13	26.13	23.25	25.25	21.00	22.50	5.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	25.00	30.60	—	—	1.25																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	32.50	30.50	32.89	53.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	29.00	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 39	—	—	17.00	19.00	15.00	18.00	10.50																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*****NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA****IS****UNAVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION**

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	81-84	72-75	43-46	25-28

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 7/7/02-7/13/02  
 30-dozen cases 8,680  
 Receipts from the mainland: 6/30/02-7/6/02  
 30-dozen cases 5,967

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
55-65	49-52	46-51	29-33	23-27

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
75.88	69.88	52.27	46.27

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
32-35	14-18	6-9

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/15/02	07/08/02	07/16/01
PACIFIC COAST	402	353	254
LOS ANGELES	340	291	200

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